

**REMARKS**

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 22, 25, 26, and 29 were directed to allowable subject matter.

In reliance thereupon, each of these claims have been amended to be in independent form including the limitations of the base and any intervening claims. Accordingly, allowance of these claims is solicited.

As the remaining claims have been canceled, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Please charge the fee of \$86 for the extra independent claim added herewith, to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional  
fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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